the Hindustan Times dated 30th June, 1992. As the news item does not appear to be based on facts, the question of ordering any enquiry does not arise. The factual position is that a policy holder has a right to surrender his insurance policy and claim surrender value in terms of the policy and as per the existing guidelines of LIC. There is nothing irregular, therefore, in LIC officers making payments of surrender value to policyholders. It is not ture that there was widespread excess payment of surrender value of LIC policies involving crores of rupees as alleged in the news items. Some excess payment of surrender value was noticed in respect of few policies in Calcutta amounting to Rs. 3.46 lacs and the entire amount was also recovered by LIC. As regards medical fees, these are paid to the doctors who are in the approved list of LIC, as per fixed schedule and there does not appear to be any basis for the allegation that 'crores of rupees paid by LIC as medical fees are shared by officials, agents and medical examiners".

Central assistance for development of Tourism in M.P.

*94. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount released, including per capita, by the Central Government on development of tourism in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years together with the names of places where the amount was spent; and

(b) what is the number of foreign tourists that visited the State during the last three years and whether their number has been continuously increasing?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, Central financial assistance is extended to the State Governments on specific proposals, based on their merits availability of funds and *inter se* priorities.

During the last three years, financial assistance amounting to Rs. 351.52 lakhs was released to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for various projects/schemes which included the construction of two *Yatri Niwases* at Ujjain and Jabalpur; one *Yatrika* at Nemawar; six *Tourist Bungalows* at Maheshwar, Omkareshwar, Amarkantak, Tamia, Kanker and Panna National Park; Tourist Lodges/Cottages at six locations namely, Pachmarhi, Badamahadev, Dodhi, Orchcha, Siddhaghat Ratlam; *Wayside amenities* at seven places Khajghat, Mazagawan (Panna), Datia, Bhojpur, Naugaon, Jhabua, Udaipura; one *Tourist Complex* at Chitrakool and a *Reception Centre* at Khajuraho. Assistance was also extended towards adventure sports flood-lighting of monuments, tented accommodation and publicity etc.

(b) The statistics of foreign tourist arrivals for Madhya Pradesh during the last three years are not available.

पर्यटकों के लिए "पेइंग गैस्ट" आवास

*95. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने भारतीय और विदेशी पर्यटकों की सुविधा के लिए "पेइंग गैस्ट" आवास योजना प्रारम्भ की है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और इसे किन-किन स्थानों पर प्रारम्भ किया गया है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) सरकार ने पेइंग गैस्ट आवास स्कीम को अधि भारतीय आधार पर शुरू